

## Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy and productive half term, with Year 5 settling quickly and all other year groups hitting the ground running. We continue to enjoy our 'OI' Overcoming Injustice student voice group and this week has seen us all particularly engaged with the theme of refugees, led by students. This is a great example of our students being engaged with a challenging real-life issue from the world outside school.

Please support us by making sure that if your child brings a mobile 'phone to school, it stays in their locker. We feel strongly that we do not want the distraction of these devices creeping into school; should it be necessary for your child to use their device before school starts or at the end of the day whilst still on site, please insist that they seek permission from an adult. In this way, we avoid much angst.

Please do continue to contact your child's tutor with any concerns or information that it is helpful to share. Our team of Year Leaders are also available to you.

As we approach Remembrance and a special Armistice in 2018, we are planning the installation of a lifesize 'Tommy' and a celebration of peace. We will be fundraising for the statue with a suggested £1 donation from a non-school uniform day, on Friday 2nd November.

Also new and exciting are our parent forum and SEND parent focus group—details coming soon. We would like to build a stronger channel for your views to influence things in school.

Thank you for your ongoing support and have a peaceful half term,

Saira Sawtell and the St. Osmund's Staff Team

## Attendance

In order to support the highest levels of progress in school, we put much effort into maintaining the highest levels of attendance. There is a proven link between attending well and achieving well. Here at St. Osmund's, no child with attendance at less than 90% secured age-related attainment in the Year 6 Mathematics SATS last summer. Please avoid taking your child out of school for any non-medical reason. We follow DASP protocol around our attendance procedure. Thank you.

## School News

### Year 5 News

Flu immunisation: Wednesday 7th Nov.

Carol Competition: Monday 10th December

Year 5 and 8 Making Day: Thursday 13th Dec. prior to Christmas Fair on 14th.

Cinema Trip: Friday 21st Dec.

### Year 6 News

Residential trip to Rockley Water Sports: deposit due by 31st Oct.

SATS information evening: Tuesday 6th Nov.

Carol Competition & Inter-Form: Thursday 13th December

Cinema Trip: Friday 21st Dec.

### Year 7 News

Carol Competition: Tuesday 11th Dec.

Inter-Form: Thursday 13th Dec.

Cinema Trip: Friday 21st Dec.

### Year 8 News

Carol Competition: Wednesday 12th December

Year 5 and 8 Making Day: Thursday 13th Dec. prior to Christmas Fair on 14th.

Cinema Trip: Friday 21st Dec.